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Acquisition at Govt cost of the property adjoining the Srinivasa Mandiram House.

From

Janopokari Mr A Gopalachariu of the Srinivasa Mandiram & Charities, Bangalore

No. Letter. Dated 10-7-16 Received 10-7-16

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Prays that the Govt Order no 2721-2/Mug 573-14-8 & 18.5.16 declining to acquire under the L.A. Regn for the Srinivasa Mandiram the property adjoining it, on the ground of the institution being of a private character, may be reconsidered, as the Ladies' section is in no way a private body, and the property to be acquired will not be handed over to the ladies for their private benefit and as the property to be acquired is for a public purpose -

NOTES AND ORDERS.

D. 103. 2. From Mr Gopalachariu, Letter dt 12-7-16.

Forwards a copy of the D. O. dt 28-3-16 from the Huzur Secretary to H. H. informing Mr Gopalachariu that the Srinivasa Mandira

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cannot be included among Palace Institutions and that he may address the Genl Secretary to Govt in the matter of acquiring certain property for the use of the Mandiram -

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THE SRINIVASA MANDIRAM & CHARITIES.
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V. GOPALACHARLU
BANGALORE.

Bangalore City,
July 10th 1916.

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From

Janopakaru A. Gopalachar
Srinivasa Mandiram
Bangalore.

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To

L. Krishna Rao, Esqr.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. The Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to Government order no. 2721-2 / Mouz 573-14-8 dated, Bangalore, 18th May 1916, I beg to submit as follows:—

In the above order, Government observe that the Institution for which the property adjoined the Mandiram House has to be acquired under the Land Acquisition Regulation, is of a private character and therefore the Government do not consider it expedient to acquire the same.

same. But this view seems to have been formed upon a misapprehension of the circumstances under which the acquisition is sought for. As far as the Mandiram work is concerned, I assure the Government that it is very hard upon me to draw a line of demarkation and call my attempt a private one. This is actually running me down.

The Ladies' Section of the Mandiram is not a private Institution. It is not like a Cosmopolitan or any other similar club, wherein people gather for social, literary and other benefits for which they make an adequate payment. The expression, "Ladies' Section" is perhaps misleading. Ladies who assemble at the Mandiram on week days and other notified days, do so to take educational and civilizing advantage of the free Reading Room and Library, just as the males do, and they also pay visits on these occasions

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to the Orphanage and its workshop and other connected departments with a view to help the Orphans and the Mandiram work in general. Lectures are delivered, papers are read and talks over in addition ~~for~~ to music, etc. The ladies are not under any obligation to pay any thing to the Mandiram. All their subscriptions are voluntary and spontaneous. The Section is open to ladies of all communities. Our late esteemed Resident Colonel Sir Hugh Daly writes as follows, on the 2nd of August 1914:-

"Lady Daly visited the Srinivasa Mandiram in order to attend the meeting at which the Electric Installations, presented by Mrs. Ananda Rao, was used for the first time. Lady Daly has always been greatly interested in the admirable work which is so unostentatiously done by Mr. and Mrs Gopalacharlu, and she is confident that the future of the Institution

will

will be one of steadily increasing utility and prosperity". To call this work "private" is really disheartening me. No restriction is placed upon any ladies who desire to attend the Reading Room, Library, etc. It has been found difficult to provide sufficient and suitable accommodation for all the males and females who desire to take advantage of the benefits of the Mandiram.

Among the benefits which they derive, may be reckoned, the diffusion of useful modern and up-to-date knowledge, and the study of the books in the Library which is all together a Public Library. No games and no refreshments are provided for them as in a private institution.

The property proposed to be acquired will after acquisition belong to the Mandiram charities, and will thus Constitute an extension

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of the Mandiram itself. The orphans want a sick-ward, a store room, and many other additions to their workshops, etc, and the proposed extension will be made use of in these respects also. The female orphans who also want separate accommodation will be sheltered here. The Mandiram with all its branches is thrown open to the public, and no one can be excluded therefrom, but the Commingling of males and females at the same time has in our present stage of advancement to be avoided, and male and female gatherings have to be held apart, and this cannot be done with the limited accommodation available at present.

It must be distinctly understood that the proposed extension will not be handed over to the ladies for their private benefit, and nothing that savours of anything private will be tolerated therein.

therein. The ladies do not derive any exclusive advantage that is denied to others. There is, however this difference, kept in view, viz that ladies and gentlemen do not freely mix with each other, and this cannot be taken to give them any special advantage, for in this respect both the Sections, the male and the female are similarly situated.

The ladies were not admitted to the Reading Room and Library, till about 9 years ago, and at that time a beginning was made to see how far the ladies would attend it, and take advantage of it. With the spread of female education, the ladies have become possessed of desire to emulate men and their attendance accordingly rose from fifties and hundreds in 1907 to thousands in 1915.

From the above it will

be evident that the so called the Ladies' Section is nothing private and the property to be acquired is for a public purpose. Therefore, I humbly pray that the order under reference may be kindly reconsidered, and that orders may be kindly passed soon for acquiring the property in question. Even after such acquisitions, much money will have to be spent upon buildings to be erected on the acquired site. For this I shall be largely dependant upon public subscriptions which again will be a proof of the public character of the institution in question.

I beg leave to remain,
Sir,
your most obedient Servant,

A. Gopala Char Jr.

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Bangalore

To

L. Krishna Rao, Esqr.,
Secretary to the Government
of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to the memorial submitted to H.H. the Maharaja a copy of which was sent to you with my petition dated 10th inst Re the future management of the Mandiram. Now I beg to submit for the information of Government a copy of the D.O. I received from H.H. the Maharaja Bahadur.

In this, the Maharaja suggests and says that "As regard your other request about the

expenditure

expediting of the issue of final orders by Government regarding the acquisition of certain property for the use of the Mandiram, I am to suggest whether Kindly addressing the General Secretary to Government in the Matter??

As the Subject was in correspondence, and as I had a hope that the matter will be favourably Considered by Government, I did not take the liberty to write them. As I see that matters have now assumed a different form I find it necessary to inform the Government that H. H. the Maharaja does not Consider the acquiring of the property a private matter, but directs me to appeal to Government.

It will be seen on page 2 of the memorial, I have made a reference to this question under the head of accommodation. I pray

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the Government may take His Highness's suggestion into consideration.

I beg leave to remain,
Sir,
your most obedient Ser.
E. Thornton

no 3566

The Palace,
Mysore,
28th March 1916.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your memorial dated the 23rd instant praying for the inclusion of the Srinivasa Mandiram among Palace Institutions, I am directed to inform you that it is regretted it is not possible to comply with your request

As regards your other request about the expediting of the issue of final orders by Government regarding the acquisition of certain property for the use of the Mandiram, I am to suggest your kindly addressing the General Secretary to Government in the matter.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd) T Thanikachalam
Ag. Huzur Secretary
to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore

Janopakari
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Bangalore City

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Do issued - Vide No 293 & 22/7/16.

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Routine Notes.

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My dear Mr Lakshmana Rao,

The accompanying draft letter of acknowledgment is in lines indicated by the Dewan at my interview with him this morning. The Dewan may perhaps like to see the draft before issue. I shall be thankful if you will kindly obtain his approval

Yours sincerely

Chairman Trustees

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Dear Sir
Kindly see the Dewans orders on the draft— The draft has been approved—
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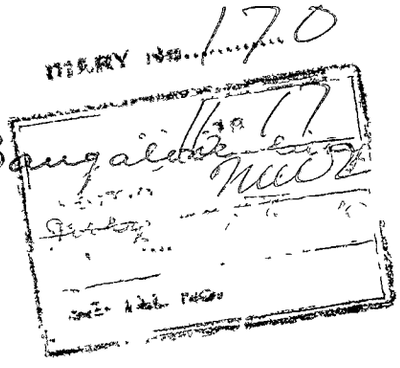

My dear Sir,

Some two months ago, I had an opportunity to meet you at the Lalbagh. I was then not enjoying good health, and was not able enough to speak to you as usual. you were kind enough to tell me, that if I had anything to say, I might write the same and send it to you. I preferred going to your place for a personal interview to speak on one or two important matters in connection with the Mandiram. But unfortunately, my Sickness increased, and am at present in a very delicate Condition. Meanwhile, the Government observed in Proceedings No 2721-2 Mowz 573-14-8 dated, Bangalore, the 18th May 1916, that Government in their View Consider that the Institution for which Some property

property is asked to be acquired is one of private character, and that this prayer cannot be granted, etc.

These orders laid me down entirely, and I lost all Courage and my So far as my work is concerned, the word "private" to use in my case, is really killing me, and nothing more will be the result. The same position my wife with her Thali in the neck occupies. In the whole province of Mysore, if you should search two Simpletons like myself and my wife, you will not find one. We worked for the last forty years for the benefit of the public Sacrificing all our interests We have nothing with us of a "private Character". We are ourselves the inmates of the Orphanage. If the property is acquired, it goes to mandiram Charities not to the ladies or to us. My

petition

petition (July 10th 1916) recently submitted on the subject explains to you all the circumstances Besides, my memorial submitted to H H the Maharaja a copy of which I have submitted to Government, enables you to know how anxiously I am labouring under- Re. the question of future management. We die and leave everything, even our drinking cup to Government and the public.

Under the circumstances, we have nothing to say that anything is private with us. The Orphanage is in need of more space, and this is absolutely necessary. The only sin with us, is our own poverty. We are neither rich nor middle class poor. We humbly beg to say that we belong to the unwashed millions, but God meant that we should do Something

in our life time This is Mandiram is

For these reasons, I pray the Government will issue favourable orders in the matter, and allow my wife an interview to represent in person to you all the circumstances, as I am quite unable to venture to come out of my bed. Perhaps, I am approaching the goal, and afford me, - my dear Sir - peace in my last stages. She will go to you if a time and day is fixed and kindly intimated.

Very obediently and
Sincerely yours,

T. Gopala Gowda.

To
Sir M. Visweswaraya, B.A., L.C.E., M.I.C.E., C.I.E.,
K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

No 293 Dated 22nd July 1916
miss D.O

My dear Sir,

I am directed by the Dewan ~~Sahib~~ to acknowledge your communication to him under date July 19th, 1916 and to state that the terms of the Government Order of 18th May 1916 were never intende as any disparagement of the work you have been doing all these years for the benefi of the public at large. Technically, however, there ~~is~~ are objections of sorts to put in action the Land Acquisition Act for the compulsory acquisition of other private properties for the benefit of the Mandiram and the institutions subordi nate thereto.

At the direction of the Dewan the matter is being examined afresh and I am desired to assure you that the whole question will receive the ~~sympathetic and early attention~~ best consideration of Government.

Please show to the Legal Member of Council before issue
22.7.16. RC

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Yours sincerely,

Under Secretary
Mysore ~~Secretariat~~ Dept.

To

Janopakari A. Gopalacharlu, Esq.,
Manager, Srinivasa Mandiram
Orphanage, BANGALORE.